

REMARKS

Claims 79-80, 82-98, 100-109, 111-114, 116-118, 120-122, 127, 131, 134, 136-137, 149, 156, 159-164, 167-169 and 171-182 are pending, with claims 79, 100, 120, 149, 156, 159, 171, 174 and 176-180 being independent.

The Office Action, at page 3, states: "Claims 79, 100, 120, 149, 156, 159, 171, 174 and 176-180 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3, 9, and 12-12 [sic] of U.S. Patent No. 6,278,884 or claims 1-25 and 34 of U.S. Patent No. 6,681,120 or claims 42, 51-54, 104 and 106-109 of U.S. Patent No. 7,321,783. . . . Pending dependent claims are rejected for being dependent upon independent claims 79, 100, 120, 149, 156, 159, 171, 174 and 176-180 that have been rejected."

Applicant does not acquiesce to the correctness of the double patenting rejection. However, in order to expedite allowance of the application, Applicant is filing herewith a properly executed terminal disclaimer, which renders the double patenting rejection moot.

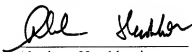
Thus, as indicated in the Office Action, all pending claims would be allowable if the nonstatutory double patenting rejection is overcome. Allowance of all pending claims is respectfully urged.

It is believed that all of the pending issues have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this reply should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this reply, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim

prior to its amendment.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this matter, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

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